

smaller denominations of legal tender bills.

On the subject of seigniorage he says the change of the whole amount of this bullion, which would employ our mint, with their present capacities, for a period of about five years, would, at the existing ratio, increase the silver circulation during the time named \$50,000,000 from seigniorage.

On the subject of foreign relations the secretary says that economy would be promoted by combining customs business in this interest to the commercial service, and he desires power to reduce the number of customs districts whenever he thinks it necessary.

BUILDING GOOD ROADS.

Many Counties Have Been Bound for Their Construction.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The investigation of road management and road construction throughout the United States now conducted by the agricultural department is meeting with valuable results. The co-operation of the governor and secretary and geologist of each state in the Union, of railroad officials and of other persons has been obtained and they show a warm interest in the work.

A bulletin outlining the new road laws of fourteen states, and giving recommendations made by influential public bodies not yet carried into legislation has been completed and soon will be issued. The advance in road legislation, the bulletin says, proceeds on ten distinct lines: More right provisions for operating the old systems; without radical change of the systems themselves; more liberal tax laws; substitution of money levies in place of labor; labor assessments according to benefit; for construction of new roads; construction by townships with power to issue bonds; construction by counties; state highway commissions; provisions for working parties; direct state aid to road building and the building of state roads.

Construction on the local assessment plan extending to a limit of three miles on each side of the line of road, obtains to some extent in Oregon, Indiana, and by special acts in Ohio. The issue of county bonds is provided for in New York, New Jersey, Indiana, Michigan and Washington, but in the last two a popular vote is required to authorize the issue. State highway commissions have been formed in Ohio, Michigan, and in several other states. These are generally temporary bodies, charged only to inquire and recommend.

The date already gathered shows that new roads are constraining in many parts of the country, and that increased knowledge and skill, improved machinery and methods and extended practical experience are rapidly lessening the cost of good roads. Civil Engineers Harrison of Asbury Park, New Jersey, is the authority for the statement that while three or four years ago the cost of road building was \$10,000 per mile, it was last year \$3,500 a mile.

Prof. J. H. Hunnicutt of the University of Georgia says that the cost of good hard roads recently built in Georgia, providing for a track of stone and one of earth, was \$1,200 a mile.

Supervisor Channing of Canandaigua, New York, reports that few miles of a single track stone road, with an earth and sand base, was built in that town for \$700 a mile.

AGAINST FREE WOOL.

Liv Stock Men Hot Over the Wilson Bill.

LANSING, Mich., Dec. 20.—The Central Association of Improved Liv Stock Breeders will pass a reported resolution to the effect that the Wilson tariff bill, if adopted, will be greatly prejudicial if not fatal, to the interests of wool growers.

The resolution calls congress to treat that wool industry as well as they do certain manufacturing industries that are of no more national importance.

The smaller associations elected presidents and secretaries as follows: Shropshire breeders, H. H. Hines, Stanton, and G. E. Beck of Paw Paw; Rambouillet sheep, Henry Grinnell of Frankfort and L. D. Townsend of Ionia; red polled cattle, J. F. English of Clarksville; and A. W. Knapp of Bellevue; swine breeders, A. H. Baughart of Lansing and C. H. McFie of Iosco; Boerstein cattle, T. D. Seely of Pontiac and Charles L. Soley of Lansing; Jersey cattle, J. L. Black of Jackson and Homer A. Flint of Detroit; short horn cattle, W. E. Boyd of Delphi Mills and J. H. Butterfield of Lansing; merino sheep, G. W. Stewart of Grand Island and E. N. Ball of Hamburg.

MRS. WILLIS SURPRISED.

She Learns That Honoria Has Her Four Hundred.

ANN ARBOR, Mich., Dec. 20.—A letter from Hazel to Mrs. George H. Mead from members of her family there has an interesting bit of intelligence. This is a quotation from the letter: "Mrs. Willis told me herself how overwhelmed with surprise they were at finding a community have equal to, if not far ahead of, any city of its size in America in culture, refinement, etc."

"Why, you have no idea, she said, of the dense ignorance that exists in America in regard to these islands. I told Mr. Willis that Mrs. Dow was a lady who would grace the White house quite as well as the lady who now reigns there, or any other, and that is saying a good deal."

"Mr. Willis said as much and more, showing how strongly he was impressed with the character of the people in power. He was led to believe that a few low class whites and black combers had done all this business of overturning the queen's government."

IMPORTED TEXAS TICKS.

Grand Truck May Have to Pay for Dead Cattle.

LANSING, Mich., Dec. 20.—Railroad Commissioner Billings was at Monroe this week investigating the complaints of farmers who had lost cattle from Texas fever. He will report that by order of Superintendent McIntyre of the Chicago and Grand Trunk, eight head of cattle from prohibited territory were unhooked for water and feeding. They were driven to the river a mile from the station, and sick ticks attacked native cattle, spreading Texas fever and death. In all sixteen head of valuable cattle either died or were permanently ruined.

From the commission's report, it is evident that the company will have to pay for the damage done, as the law relative to unloading Texas cattle, in transit, was severely violated.

JAIL BIRDS FOILED.

They Had a Scheme to Leave the City.

Kalamazoo, Mich., Dec. 20.—For several days Sheriff Voseburg has been unusually vigilant and yesterday he and Sheriff Snifford made a search to see if their suspicions of a plan for breaking jail were correct. In the cell of James Howard were found a nickel-plated backbone that can be telescoped into a small pocket, several new blades and a table knife, all of which, when Howard disassembled all kinds of tools, was put on short notice in the military until confirmed. Howard is confined in the corridor along with the drunk and other petty cases, while his

chum White occupies a cell in the cage. In the cage are also DeFrance, Smith, the horse thief, and Harry Jones, the fencer. The occupants of the cage are believed to know all about the tools. A knife was also found in a revolver hole. Mrs. DeFrance and others have access to the prisoners of jail.

JUDGES' CONVENTION.

Michigan Exponents of the Law to Meet in Lansing.

LANSING, Mich., Dec. 20.—The Michigan Judges' convention will meet in the Senate chamber on December 22. The program to be presented is as follows: "Our Legal Institutions," Gov. John T. Black; "Michigan's Criminal Justice and the Criminal Law," Judge C. H. Grant, Lansing; "Automobile Duty in the Circuit Courts of this State," Judge Joseph H. Moore, Saginaw; "Rotation of Judges," Judge S. M. DeBois, St. Johns; "The Duties of Judge in Ex Parte Divorce Cases," Judge J. B. McLaughlin, Ludington; "The Court and the Jury," Judge Fred H. Aldrich, Cadillac; "Some Questions Arising Under Recent Tax Laws," Judge A. C. Maxwell, Bay City; "Measures for the Prevention of Piracy," Judge Peter F. Dodge, Mt. Pleasant; subject not given, Judge Rollin H. Person, Lansing.

Michigan Public Libraries.

Some Figures Obtained from the Bureau of Education.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The annual report of the statistician of the bureau of education shows that there are in Michigan forty public libraries, each with over 1,000 bound volumes upon their shelves. Three of these libraries rank among the great ones of the country. The following are the leading libraries of the state in the order of their rank: Detroit public library, 109,720 volumes; University of Michigan library, Ann Arbor, 77,480; state library, Lansing, 55,000; Grand Rapids, 28,302; Olivet college library, 12,304; Kalamazoo library, 17,800; Sage library, West Bay City, 17,500; Hackley library, Muskegon, 16,105; Agricultural college, Lansing, 13,557; Bay City library, 13,122; Alma college, 11,500; Jackson public, 11,497; Normal school library, Ionia, 11,405; Battle Creek public, 11,405.

Michigan Inventors.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Patents issued to Michigan residents: T. Eusay, administrator, Saginaw, deer spring; John R. Coffman, assignee of co-husband to Eureka Tempered Copper company, Northeast Pennsylvania, brick holder; William S. Crane, Detroit, spring hinge; James Donovan, Three Rivers, car brake; Eugene Fontain, assignee Detroit, self-heating curling iron; Henry Holland, Detroit, oil burner; Charles H. Leesard, Grand Rapids, roof for portable houses; Rudolph C. Lenz, Menominee, wrist pin turner; Fred N. Lewis, Jackson, apparatus for ironing boards or tables; Benjamin J. Morgan, Ypsilanti, railway time signal; Samuel Nickel, Flint, enameled; Elijah A. Ovenshine, assignor, Detroit, disk harrow; Daniel W. Tower, Grand Rapids, exhibiting apparatus; George L. Walker, Detroit, trunk.

He Left a Million.

JACKSON, Mich., Dec. 20.—The will of the late W. D. Thompson has been filed for probate. The estate is valued at over \$100,000 and is left in trust to the widow and son, William M. Thompson, the income to be equally divided between the widow, son, and daughter after paying the widow \$5,000 annually, and maintaining the homestead, valued at \$100,000. After the death of any one of the three the estate is to be divided among the heirs.

Officers Elect.

SR. LOCUS, Mich., Dec. 20.—The annual meeting of the State ex-Prisoners of War association was held yesterday and the following officers were elected: J. S. Preston of Lyons, president; W. H. Beasley, Ithaca, first vice; Isaac La Clede, St. Louis, second vice; A. M. Church, Grand Rapids, secretary, and treasurer; advisory committee, Aaron E. Crane of Henderson and Z. B. Parry of St. Louis. There were 250 in attendance.

Caught in the Act.

GRAND HAVEN, Mich., Dec. 20.—Sheriff Kupper arrested John Veghoks and an accomplice yesterday in the act of burning some of the goods they had stolen from Rosien Bros. store the night previous. They were bound over in \$100 bonds.

State News in Brief.

Wisconsin and Michigan own one island in partnership. The island is in the middle of the Lac Vieux desert, which is the source of the Wisconsin river and is bisected by the boundary of the two states.

The circuit court for Wexford county convened Tuesday morning for the regular December term. The term will be a very short one, there being but thirteen cases on the calendar.

Matthew W. Stephenson, a pioneer of Sanilac county, died at Mills Sunday morning at the age of 74 years. He settled in Crosswell over forty-four years ago.

Jack Kennedy, a motorman on the Manistee street railway, was struck on the head by the handle of a scraper Monday night and is probably fatally injured.

A wealthy Southport farmer made his grandson a present of a setting hen

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SEXUAL

It is recommended for erectile debility; strength may be restored; powers when impotent may be restored; and the desire increased in restoring the manhood.

CONFIDENCE

It gives the strength to the heart of those who are weak, infirm, debilitated, or disabled by disease.

RESTORED

It is recommended for the restoration of strength to the heart of those who are weak, infirm, debilitated, or disabled by disease.

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on his wedding day. He said the boy was a good settler. She couldn't help it, as both her legs were frozen off during the winter.

There has been shipped from Monroe this season—Lumber, \$30,000,000 feet; lath and Pickets, 12,171,000 pieces; shingles, 12,000,000; carriage, 1,300.

Homer W. Chandler of Detroit, under a three years' sentence for burglary at Ionia, has had the sentence commuted by Governor Rich Monday.

Bert Stewart was struck on the head by a beam at a barn raising near Schoolcraft Monday and it is thought that the injury will prove fatal.

Shirley Dafoe of Coral, was kicked in the head by a calf Saturday. Sixteen pieces of his skull have been removed, and yet the boy lives.

Peter Vorhees, 81 years old and a pioneer of Oakland county, died at his home at Sachem Plains on Sunday night.

A. Connor & Co. of Muskegon will give each poor family in that city a 25-pound sack of flour for a Christmas present.

Owosso school children will need a large box of books and toys to the ironwood boys and girls for Christmas.

An ice gorge has formed in the river Raisin at Monroe, causing the water to flood the country for many miles.

Mrs. Julia A. Bowman of East Jordan, who was burned Saturday morning, died of her injuries Sunday.

The poor of Naguanne has been donated 5,000 pounds of pork, pickled and bacon by a Chicago firm.

The new city hall at Bay City is to cost \$102,111. The contract for building it was let Tuesday.

The private bank of Olmsted & Sturges at Galesburg, Kalamazoo county, has suspended.

During the past year the United States government has spent \$1,460,000 at Lawton.

State Horticultural society's annual meeting will be held at Lawton December 22.

Frostier, Hillsdale county is building a \$3,000 school house.

Ten deaths occurred in Coldwater last week from the grip.

Judge Padgugan of Allegan is critically ill of the grip.

All the houses in Eaton Rapids are being numbered.

An Iron Mountain evangelist has just saved 250 souls.

Farmington has a haunted house.

DR. KILMER'S SWAMP-ROOT CURED ME.

La Grippe! Grippi! Grippi!

After Effects Cured.

Mr. Bigler writes:

"I had a bad attack of the Grippe after a time caught cold and had a second attack, it settled in my kidneys and liver, and Oh such pain and misery in my back and legs.

The physician's medicine and other things that I tried made no impression, and I continually ached until I was a physical wreck,

and given up to die. Father bought me a bottle of Dr. Kilmer's SWAMP-ROOT, and before I had used all of the second bottle I felt better, and to day I am just as well as ever. A year has passed and not a trace of the Grippe remains. Dr. Kilmer's SWAMP-ROOT saved my life."

DR. KILMER'S SWAMP-ROOT CURED THREE YEARS.

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My wife had suffered for three years with the Grippe, during that time she was attended by five different physicians, none of whom helped her for longer than a few months. Now she is healthy and strong, as she never was before.

She will be forty-one years old on the 25th of November, and I am sure she will live to 100 years old.

I send you this testimony and enclose herewith a Photograph of my wife. Your true friend, HERMAN BROOKINS.

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They have them at 50c., but the \$1.00 and \$1.50 ones look better. See them.

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